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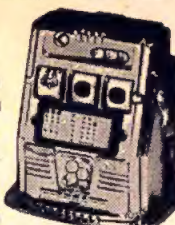
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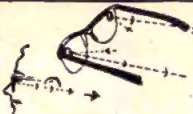
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BEHIND STEEL BARS!

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BRONSON...AND NOW,
HE PREPARES FOR THE
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SUSPENSION DISCS SYNCRO-LOCKED INTO POSITION, COLONEL!

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YA DON'T SAY! AWRIGHT--RESET SECURITY ALARM SYSTEM AND GET THE DEFLECTIVE FORCE FIELD OPERATIN' AGAIN!

OK, SHIELD TECHNOS! YOU GOT YER WORK CUT OUT FOR YA!

GET THIS OVER-SIZED WATER-PISTOL SET UP AND READY IN WEAPONS RESEARCH FOR THE BIG TEST AT 1700 HOURS!

AND PUT SOME MUSCLE INTO IT... THIS THING'S BIGGERIN' A HORSE!

GOOD TO TALK TO YOU AGAIN, FURY! NOW, LET'S HAVE YOUR REPORT!

ALL VIP'S SAFELY ABOARD, MR. PRESIDENT!

THE TEST WILL PROCEED AS PLANNED!

AH CAN'T OVERSTRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS WEAPON, COLONEL!

OF COURSE, YOU ALONE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENTIRE OPERATION!

SEE THAT ALL GOES WELL!

SHIELD WON'T LETCHA DOWN, SIR!

COLONEL FURY, SIR-- THIS IS PROFESSOR ANTON TROJAK, CREATOR OF THE Q-RAY MACHINE!

HEARD A LOT ABOUT YOU YA, PROFESSOR-- AND THAT CANNON YER GONNA SHOW US!

IF IT'S HALF'A WHAT IT'S CRACKED UP TA BE, I'M GLAD YER ON OUR SIDE!

YOU SHOULD FIND IT MOST INTERESTING, COLONEL!

YOU SEE, ITS POTENTIAL POWER IS SO TERRIBLE, IT COULD END ALL WARFARE!

THEN LET'S GIT MOVIN'! NOW I GOTTA CHECK THE LAST FEW SECURITY POINTS! WE DON'T NEED NO LAST MINUTE SURPRISES!

TAKE ALL THE PRECAUTIONS YOU WISH, FURY! MY CONCERN IS ONLY FOR THE Q-RAY!

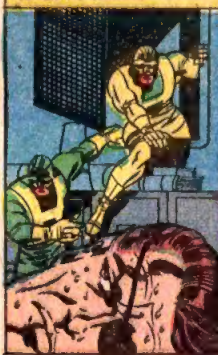
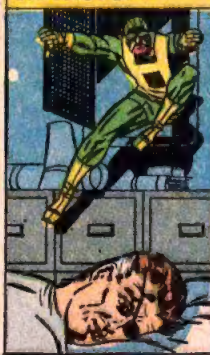
AND AS FOR THE SURPRISES... I MAY HAVE ONE OR TWO OF MY OWN!

BUT EVEN A HERO HAS TO SLEEP SOMETIME, SO AFTER MAKING A FINAL CHECK, FURY RETIRES TO HIS QUARTERS...

AND YET, EVEN AS HE SLEEPS, SOME SIXTH SENSE WARNS HIM OF A NEW DANGER, A CREEPING EVIL CLOSE BY...

NOW, HE WAITS... GAUGING EVERY MOVEMENT, EVERY SOUND, ALLOWING HIS BATTLE-TRAINED INSTINCTS TO GUIDE HIM...

WAITING... WAITING FOR THE PRECISE MOMENT TO STRIKE... WAITING... JUST A FEW SECONDS MORE... THE TIME IS...



UH-OH! THEY'RE DOWN-BUT THEY AIN'T OUT! AND THEY'LL HAVE THEIR HANDGUNS BACK IN ANOTHER SPLIT-SECOND!



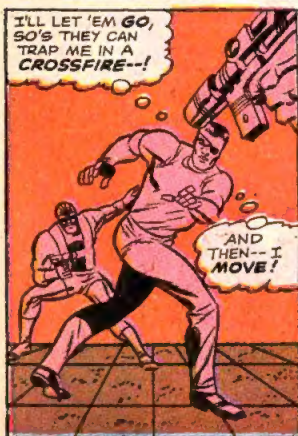
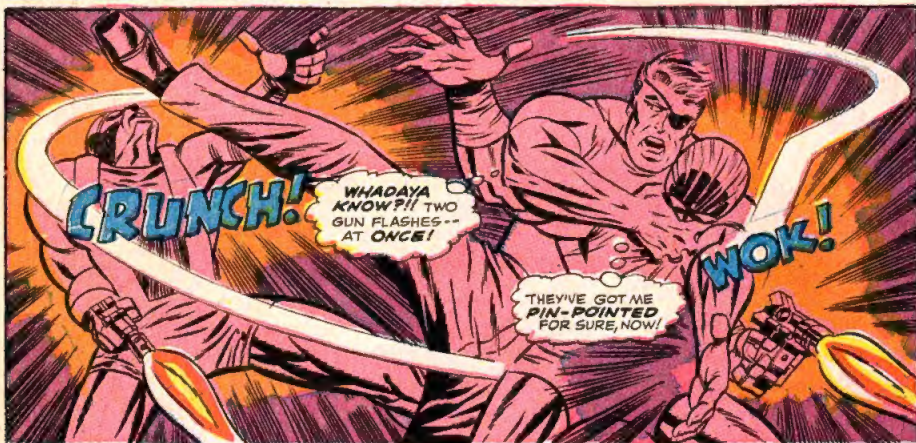
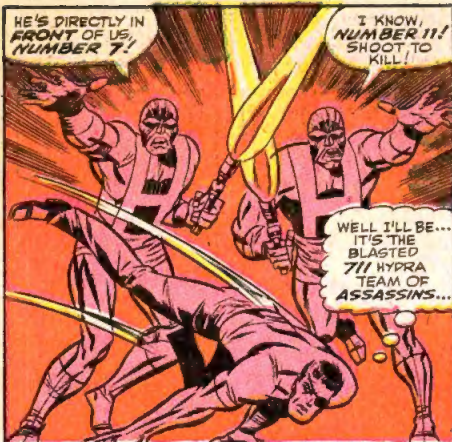
YEAH! THAT'S IT! THE LIGHTS... GOTTA SMASH THE OVERHEAD BULB, SO THE INFRA-RED LIGHT SYSTEM AUTOMATICALLY CUTS IN!



GUESS THAT'S WHY ALL SHIELD PERSONNEL ARE REQUIRED TO CARRY INFRA-RED CONTACT LENSES!

THEY'LL BE IN THE DARK, BUT I'LL BE ABLE TO SEE!





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A BATTY BARRAGE OF BOMBASTIC BULLETINS; BURSTIN' WITH BI-PARTISAN BANTER, BARE-FACED BAKALTY, AND UNABASHED BULL!

DIDJA KNOW? The Marvel Super-Heroes Show on TV is seen in far-off Australia, Japan, Uruguay, Canada, Venezuela, Puerto Rico, and even Kalamazoo! (Of course, none of those exotic places mentioned are far-off if you happen to live there—but, we're sure you get the idea!) As for the candid, capricious comments of our cavortin' critics-at-large—it seems that most merry Marvelites think it's a blast—and they're relieved that our crazy cartoons are reasonably true to the spirit of the maggy themselves. As for us, we're going batty trying to keep up with all the shows. In some cities the program is presented five nights a week during the prime-time evening hours. In other cities, it's on the air three nights a week—and in some, it's shown during the afternoons. Some channels feature their own M.C.'s introducing the cartoons while some just put our fabulous little fables on the air without any other whoop-de-do. As for the ratings, we've learned that in most of the key cities where the show is presented, it's been clobbering all the opposition—thanks, no doubt, to the support of loyal Marvel-men everywhere! By the way, we still receive some mail from desperate devotees in areas where Marvel Super-Heroes is not yet televised, asking how they can compel their local channels to get with it. Since we're in the business of producing comic mags, and the TV end is something new to us as it is to you, we can only suggest that those of you whose cities are still Marvel Super-Hero-less write to your favorite local channels, and try to make 'em see the error of their ways! Although, at the rate TV stations throughout the free world are hopping on the madcap Marvel bandwagon, there may not be any culturally underprivileged cities left by the time this meritorious message sees print! And now—one last important point: If you've any cataclysmic comments about the show—anything you like, or loathe—send 'em on to your local station. Simply introduce yourself as one of Marvel's fabulous faithful and pour it on 'em. Just as your letters have been a truly vital factor in maintaining the quality of the mag you're now reading, so will they help to make our Marvel Super-Heroes Show the kind of TV fare you want it to be! If you like the show's announcer, or think he's for the birds—if you wanna discuss the hour at which it's televised, or the manner in which it's presented, or even if you just wanna write and say "Face Front!", take pen in hand and DO it, tiger—your local channel will love hearin' from you, and your Bullpen buddies won't haveta worry about you becoming inhibited! And now—on to other equally earth-shattering items:

DIDJA KNOW? Genial GENE COLAN bought himself a motorcycle a short while ago and chewed our ears off telling us how great it was. A few days later he came to the Bullpen with a couple of bandaged elbows and a sheepish expression. Today, he's riding around in a swirly little sedan once again, leaving the cycle bit for guys like Peter Parker and his ilk! After all, Spidey doesn't haveta worry about his drawing hand!

DIDJA KNOW? Speaking of bandages 'n stuff, someone over at Brand Echh must be sticking pins in a Marvel dood! Just a few weeks ago, Larripin' LARRY LEEER (O' Rawhide Kind himself) bent down to pick up an art eraser and suddenly sprained his sacroiliac when he straightened up! It meant a week of bed-rest for luckless Larry while O' Rawhide had to fend for himself. Then, we no sooner got our little invalid on his feet again than whammo, Wild BILL EVERETT did practically the same thing to his sacroiliac while stepping off a bus! Bill is great on submarines, bucking broncos, and surf-boards—but those ordinary, slow-moving busses—yeeesh! Anyway, Mr. Sub-Mariner was also flat on his back for a week while the rest of us spent our time making sure our hospitalization policies are all paid up! You never knew it was so dangerous producing comics, eh?

DIDJA KNOW? When Marvel hires a new art associate, we don't kid around—we get our money's worth. Step up and meet JOHNNY VERPOORTEN, our newest Bullpen backup man. Jumbo John is six feet, six inches tall, and tips the scales at a mere 290 pounds! (He thinks we latched onto him to do artwork for us—but wait! He sees the costume we're making for him! All we have to do is trick him into it, and we'll have a new, ready-made super-hero to unleash upon mankind!)

DIDJA KNOW? Rascally ROY THOMAS just let the cat out of the bag, admitting that he gave up a scholarship to George Washington University just to write for Marvel! He would have studied world events at G.W.U., and might have ended up becoming a diplomat! However, knowing how the ol' rapscallion shoots his mouth off, he might also have accidentally started World War III—so, we figure mighty Marvel has saved humanity once more by keeping Mr. T. chained to his typewriter.

DIDJA KNOW? Jolly JACK KIRBY's ears must be really burning. Every comics mag fan has his own personal favorite among all the artists employed by all the different companies—but, when it comes to the opinion of the pro's themselves—when it comes to naming the ARTISTS' ARTIST, there isn't even a contest! Every time the conversation here at the Bullpen gets around to artwork (and what ELSE is there to talk about?), you should hear the top men in the field lower their voices when the name of King Kirby comes up. It's generally agreed that, when you talk of super-hero illustration; of action drawing; of imaginative conceptions; of dynamic, double-barreled drama; Marvel's many-faceted master simply has no peer! There is hardly a pro pencil-pusher in the field today who hasn't been influenced by Jolly Jack's memorable masterpieces—or by the constantly shattering impact of his creativity. Don't be embarrassed, Jack—it's just Stan's cornball way of telling you that it's been a ball all these years, pal—and the best is still ahead!

THE WRAP-UP!—We're plumb outta room, so hang loose and face front! Life's a swingin' symphony, and we don't wantcha to miss a note of it! Nuff said!

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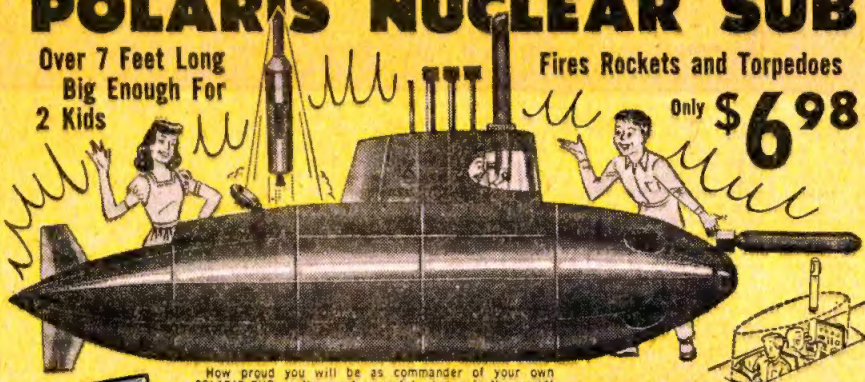
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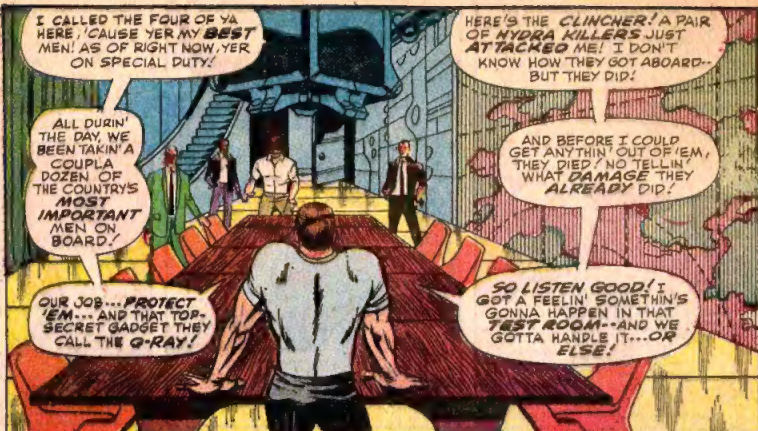
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SHIELD!



I CALLED THE FOUR OF YA HERE, 'CAUSE YER MY BEST MEN! AS OF RIGHT NOW, YER ON SPECIAL DUTY!

ALL DURIN' THE DAY, WE BEEN TAKIN' A COUPLA DOZEN OF THE COUNTRY'S MOST IMPORTANT MEN ON BOARD!

OUR JOB... PROTECT 'EM... AND THAT TOP-SECRET GADGET THEY CALL THE Q-RAY!

HERE'S THE CLINCHER! A PAIR OF HYDRA KILLERS JUST ATTACKED ME! I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY GOT ABOARD... BUT THEY DID!

AND BEFORE I COULD GET ANYTHIN' OUT OF 'EM, THEY DIED! NO TELLIN' WHAT DAMAGE THEY ALREADY DID!

SO LISTEN GOOD! I GOT A FEELIN' SOMETHIN'S GONNA HAPPEN IN THAT TEST ROOM... AND WE GOTTA HANDLE IT... OR ELSE!

BUT, SIR, AFTER YOU WERE ATTACKED BY THE DREAD-NOUGHT, OUR SECURITY PROCEDURES WERE TIGHTENED CONSIDERABLY!

THOSE HYDRA GUYS ARE PLENTY SMART! ONLY A FOOL UNDERESTATES HIS ENEMY! I WOULDN'T BE HALF-SURPRISED IF ONE OF 'EM WAS IN THIS VERY ROOM!

DON'T WORRY 'BOUT THAT! WITH THE FIVE O'US KEEPIN' AN EYE ON THINGS, NOBODY, EVEN HYDRA, WOULD DARE START ANYTHIN'!

THERE'S ALWAYS A FIRST TIME, DUGAN! BESIDES, YOU'RE FORGETTIN' THE GIRL STILL HASN'T BEEN FOUND! AUTOFAC DID NAME HER AS THE SUPREME HYDRA, Y'KNOW!

COOL IT, JASP!

'SIDES, WE BEAT 'EM BEFORE! SURE, AN' WE CAN DO IT AGAIN!

GLAD YA BROUGHT THAT UP, BRONSON! COUPLA THINGS ABOUT THAT JUST DON'T ADD UP!

REST ASSURED, COLONEL! WE'LL DO OUR UTMOST TO PREVENT ANY PREMEDITATED SUBVERSION!

SURE, SURE, SIT-WELL! YA GOT YER ORDERS! MEET ME IN THE TEST ROOM IN HALF AN HOUR!

FURY'S RIGHT, MEN! BUT BEFORE WE GO, THERE'S SOMETHING HERE I WANT TO SHOW YOU!

LOOK CLOSELY AT THE STONE IN MY RING! LOOK DEEP... DEEPER... DEEPER...

BUT I AIN'T GOT THE ANSWERS, EITHER...

NOT YET!

RIGHT NOW, I'M HEADIN' FOR THE AUTOFAC CHAMBER! JUST GOT A HUNCH THAT MIGHT HELP SOLVE A FEW QUESTIONS!



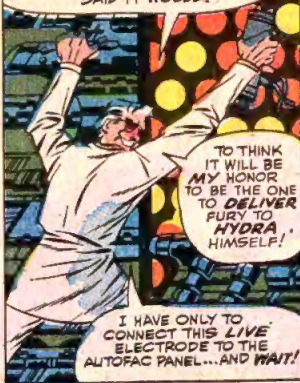
BUT THE AUTOFAC CHAMBER IS ALREADY OCCUPIED BY THE MAN WHO CALLS HIMSELF **TROJAK**, WHO IN REALITY IS AN **AGENT OF HYDRA**—DEAD-SET ON HIS MISSION OF **ULTIMATE TERROR**...

ANNIHIL-AGENT 47... THIS IS THE **SUPREME HYDRA** SPEAKING! **FURY** WILL BE THERE IN MINUTES! HE MUST BE **DESTROYED!**



I HEAR AND OBEY!
HAIL HYDRA!

THE **SUPREME HYDRA'S MASTER PLAN OF DEATH** IS WORKING OUT PERFECTLY... JUST AS HE SAID IT WOULD!



TO THINK IT WILL BE MY HONOR TO BE THE ONE TO **DELIVER FURY** TO **HYDRA** HIMSELF!

I HAVE ONLY TO CONNECT THIS **LIVE ELECTRODE** TO THE **AUTOFAC PANEL**... AND **WAIT!**

HUH... HERE HE COMES NOW... THE **FOOL!** HE HASN'T THE FAINTEST SUSPICION THAT **DEFEAT** WAITS BUT A **HEARTBEAT AWAY!**

NOW HE HAS ONLY TO STEP ON THE **FLOOR GRID**...



AND A **SPLIT-SECOND LATER**, THE **BODY OF NICK FURY** IS CAUGHT IN A **PAROXYSM OF SEARING ENERGY**...



...HIS **HELPLESS** BODY HURLED ACROSS THE ROOM BY THE **CORUSCATING JOLT OF ELECTRICITY!**

IT'S ALMOST **IMPOSSIBLE!** YET HE'S STILL **CONSCIOUS!**

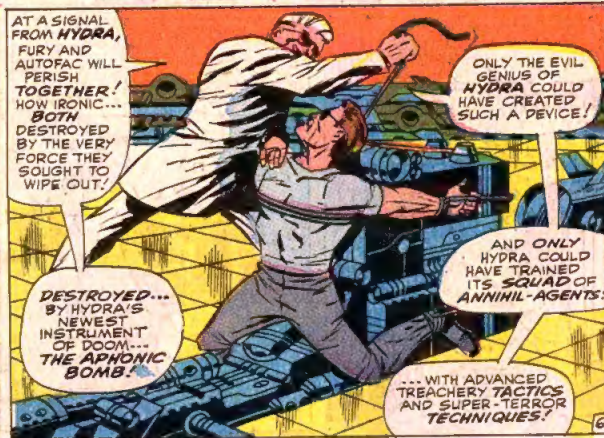


HE MUST BE **STRONG AS A BULL!** THAT CONNECTION WOULD HAVE **KNOCKED OUT ALMOST ANY MAN!** BUT, **NO MATTER...**

AT A **SIGNAL FROM HYDRA**, **FURY** AND **AUTOFAC** WILL **PERISH TOGETHER!** HOW **IRONIC...**

DESTROYED BY THE **VERY FORCE** THEY **SOUGHT TO WIPE OUT.**

DESTROYED... BY **HYDRA'S** **NEWEST INSTRUMENT OF DOOM...** THE **APHONIC BOMB!**



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SHORTLY AFTERWARD, WHEN FURY'S FULL FACULTIES RETURN TO HIM...

UHHH! MY HEAD! SPINNIN' LIKE A A... HEY! WHAT IN SAM HILL? THEY GOT ME SPREAD-EAGLED OVER THIS BLOCK'A MACHINERY!

IF I CAN FORCE MYSELF OVER THE TOP EDGE, MAYBE I CAN GET SOME SLACK!

...BUT WHAT'M I DOIN' HERE, ANYWAY?

YEAH! NOW I REMEMBER! THAT VOICE... TROJACK! SOUNDED LIKE HE WAS A MILE AWAY... SAYIN' SOMETHIN' ABOUT A BOMB!

C'MON FURY! JUST A LITTLE MORE... THAT DOES IT!

CAN'T TAKE TIME TO CHECK THE DOORS, BUT I KNOW THEY'RE ALL SEALED! HYDRA'D NEVER MISS A DETAIL LIKE THAT!

MY ONLY CHANCE... THROUGH THE FLOOR!

AN' THIS LIGHTER TORCH SHOULD DO IT!

SUDDENLY WITHOUT WARNING, THE AUTOFAC COMPUTER ERUPTS IN A BLAZING TEMPEST OF WHITE-HOT LIGHT... THOUGH NOT EVEN THE SLIGHTEST VIBRATION IS TO BE HEARD... A SOUNDLESS EXPLOSION--

AS FURY HIMSELF LEAPS TO SAFETY WITHIN THE ROOM BELOW!

WHEW! MADE IT WITHOUT A BLASTED SECOND TO SPARE!

BUT THAT BOMB... GOIN' OFF WITHOUT MAKIN' A NOISE! HOW ABOUT THAT?!!

SOMEHOW IT'S ABSORBING ALL THE SOUND OF THE EXPLOSION!

IT'S LIKE A DREAM IN A HORROR MOVIE! THAT'S WHAT HE WAS MUMBLIN' ABOUT... A NEW KINDA BOMB!

LUCKY I HAD MY **ELECTRONIC ABSORBER** IN MY POCKET! *
THAT JOLT OF ELECTRICITY
WOULDA **FINISHED** ME FOR
SURE!

BUT NOW I GOT ME
SOME **ANSWERS!**

* REMEMBER **LAST**
ISH? --SECRETIVE STAN,

THE **Q-RAY MACHINE**... I SAID
IT WAS BIGGER'N A HORSE AND
DIDN'T KNOW HOW **CLOSE** I
WAS TO THE TRUTH! A HORSE...
A **TROJAN HORSE!**

THAT FAKE PROFESSOR MUSTA
SMUGGLED THOSE TWO HYDRA
FINKS ABOARD INSIDE THAT
GIZMO!

COME TA
THINK OF
IT, THERE
MAY BE
EVEN
MORE
OF EM
AROUND!

GOTTA STOP THAT TEST! THE
PLACE IS CRAWLIN' WITH **TOP**
GOVERNMENT MEN! AN'
ALL OF 'EM ARE IN **DANGER!**

WHAT IN BLUE BLAZES...!
THIS IS GETTIN' TA BE A
HABIT! THREE MORE
HOODS!

COULD IT BE THEY'VE
ALREADY **TAKEN**
OVER THE HELI-
CARRIER?

THAT... GAS... **COUGH!**
MAKIN'... ME... **LOSE**
MY BALANCE... **COUGH!**

UGHH...
GETTIN' LIMP
...ALL OVER...
GUESS
THIS... IS
IT... **FURY!**

NO! IT CAN'T BE!
I WOAN'T BELIEVE
IT! NOT YOU **THREE!**
IT MUST BE THE
GAS AFFECTIN'
ME!

MAYBE I'M **CRACKIN' UP!**
IT CAN'T BE TRUE! IT CAN'T
BE!

NICK FURY... I
CONDEMN
YOU TO
DEATH!

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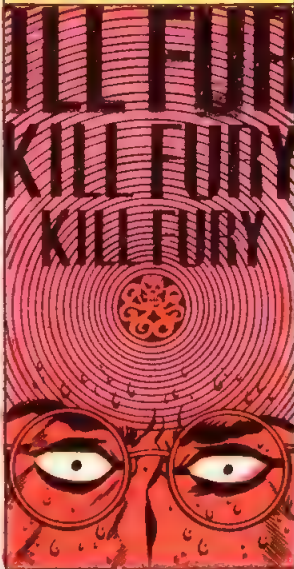
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AND, SO SAYING, THE SHIELD AGENT'S FINGER **BEGINS TO TIGHTEN** ON THE TRIGGER... HIS **TRANCE-LIKE FACE** TELLING OF THE INCREDIBLE **TURMOIL** SEETHING WITHIN...



THEN, THE **OVERWHELMING FORCE** OF THE **SPELL** SWEEPS OVER HIS EGO, AS ONCE AGAIN, THE **SUPREME HYDRA**'S COMMAND ECHOES THROUGH HIS MIND...



C'MON, SITWELL... YOU GOT THE GUN... WHAT'RE YA **WAITIN' FER**... **QUIT STALLIN'**, MISTER... YUH GONNA **USE** THAT THING OR NOT?!

C'MON, JUNIOR... **PULL THE TRIGGER... YA HEAR? PULL THE TRIGGER!**



WHILE, JUST OUTSIDE THE WEAPONS TEST ROOM...

THE FOOLS INSIDE HAVE **SEALED OFF** THE ROOM FOR ABSOLUTE SECURITY! NOT EVEN **THEIR OWN MEN** CAN SAVE THEM NOW!

IN A MOMENT, TROJACK WILL TURN THE **Q-RAY** ON AND **SLAUGHTER** THEM ALL! WHILE I ALONE WILL **ESCAPE** IN THE SAUCER SHIP!



FURY'S FINISHED BY NOW! SHIELD NEVER SUSPECTED THAT HYDRA SWITCHED ME FOR THE REAL TROJACK, AFTER THEY CHANGED MY FACE IN THE E-M MACHINE! *

AND THIS DEMONSTRATES THE VITAL FORCE OF THE **Q-RAY**! IT **BREAKS DOWN** THE MOLECULAR STRUCTURE OF ANY OBJECT... SCATTERING ALL ITS ATOMS... **UTTERLY DESTROYING IT!**

NOW, GENTLEMEN... YOU SHALL **WITNESS** THE AWESOME POWER OF THE **Q-RAY**... FOR ALL OF YOU WILL BE **CAUGHT IN ITS DEADLY RAYS**... **WITHIN SECONDS!**

HAIL HYDRA!



* THE EPIDERM-MASK MACHINE 154 # 153... WHO ELSE?

THEN, WITHOUT A MOMENT TO SPARE,
THE DYNAMIC DIRECTOR OF SHIELD
BURSTS THROUGH THE DOME OF THE
WEAPONS RESEARCH TEST ROOM...

CRASH!

HOLD IT!

NO HYDRA AGENT'S
GONNA SCORE WHILE
NICK FURY'S STILL
BREATHIN'!

ZZZZZZ

FURY!! STILL
ALIVE!! COULD
HE HAVE ESCAPED
THE APHONIC
BOMB... AND
GOTTEN PAST HIS
OWN HYPNOTIZED
AGENTS?

SORRY TO DISAPPOINT YA, MISTER!
BUT IT'LL TAKE MORE'N THAT TO
GET ME OUTTA THE GAME!

YOU OUTSMARTED YERSELVES
WHEN YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD
USE MY OWN MEN AGAINST ME!

NO MATTER
WHAT KIND'A
TRANCE SIT-
WELL WAS IN,
HE'D NEVER
TURN AGAINST
SHIELD!
IT'S AGAINST
HIS
PRINCIPLES!

THEN, YOU'VE
ONLY DELAYED
THE INEVITABLE!
YOU SEE, ONCE
THE Q-RAY IS
TURNED ON, IT
CANNOT BE
STOPPED!

ZZZZZZ

RRRRRAAKKK!

YEAH! YA JUST GAVE ME THE
ANSWER, PAL! I'LL TAKE ANY
CHANCES DESTROYIN' THIS
CANNON BEFORE IT KNOCKS US
OUTTA THE SKY!

KEEP AWAY
FROM THAT
DIAL, YOU
FOOL!

YOU'RE
OVERLOAD-
ING THE
CIRCUITS!

THAT'S THE IDEA! IF
THIS DON'T WORK, THERE
AIN'T GONNA BE
MUCH LEFT OF
SHIELD TO TAKE
OVER!

FFTTT

OVER-LOAD

BUT, EVEN AS FURY BATTLES FOR HIS *VERY LIFE*, THE HELI-CARRIER ITSELF BEGINS TO GIVE WAY UNDER THE WEAPON'S HAVOC-WREAKING POWER BEAM...

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS NOW...
IT'S TOO LATE! THE DAMAGE IS
ALREADY DONE!

HE'S RIGHT!
THE SHIP'S
STARTIN' TA
WOBBLE!

THE HULL...IT'S
BUCKLING...
TEARIN' UNDER
THE STRAIN OF
THE...**SUGGHH!**

WE'VE DONE IT...**AT LAST!**
HYDRA HAS EMERGED THE
INCONTESTABLE VICTOR!
NOW, **NOTHING** CAN STOP US!

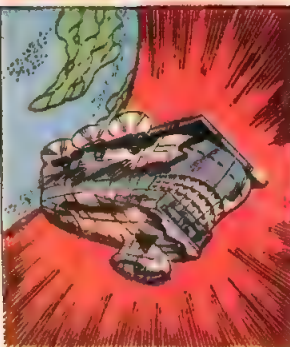
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SHIELD'S DEATH
KNELL!

**HAIL
HYDRA!**

THEN, IN ONE TERRIBLE
INSTANT, THE **Q-RAY**
MACHINE ERUPTS WITH
AN UNTHINKABLE,
NERVE-SHATTERING
ROAR... TURNING
THE ROOM INTO A
FURNACE... AND
HURLING NICK FURY
AWAY LIKE A LEAF IN
A **TORNADO!**

KA

VROOM!



AS, SIMULTANEOUSLY, THE AIR-
BORNE SHIELD STRONGHOLD
BEGINS TO CAPSIZE, ITS GREAT
BULK SHUDDERING FROM THE
DEVASTATING BLAST...



THIS IS IT! OUR ATOMIC
ENGINES... CUTTING OUT!
THE SHIP... IT'S
FALLING!

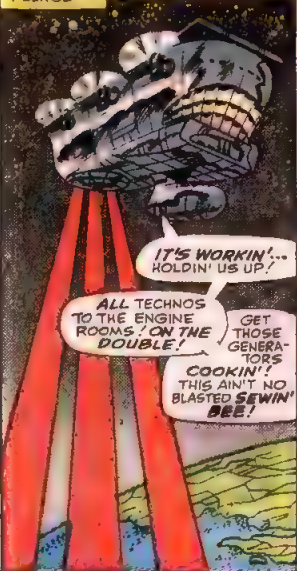
... FALLING
BACK TO EARTH!
REACHING CRASH
VELOCITY!



VORTI-CONTROL CENTER! FURY
SPEAKIN'! REVERSE THE
VORTEX BEAM, Y'HEAR?
REVERSE THE BEAM AN'
TURN IT ON FULL
INTENSITY!

IT'S OUR
ONLY
CHANCE!

THEN, A **TRIAD** OF **VORTEX BEAMS** STAB EARTHWARD, FROM BENEATH THE HULL, FORMING A **TRIANGLE** ... MOMENTARILY SUSPENDING THE SHIP IN ITS DOWNWARD PLUNGE ...



IT'S WORKIN'...
HOLDIN' US UP!

ALL TECHNOS
TO THE ENGINE
ROOMS 'ON THE
DOUBLE!

GET
THOSE GENER-
ATORS
COOKIN'!
THIS AIN'T NO
BLASTED SEWIN'
BEE!

COLONEL FURY, ENGINE ROOM REPAIRS ALMOST COMPLETED! THE HELI-CARRIER WILL BE UNDER ITS OWN POWER IN A FEW MOMENTS!

O.K., SOLDIER! NOW GET BACK TO YOUR STATION... THE PARTY AIN'T OVER YET!

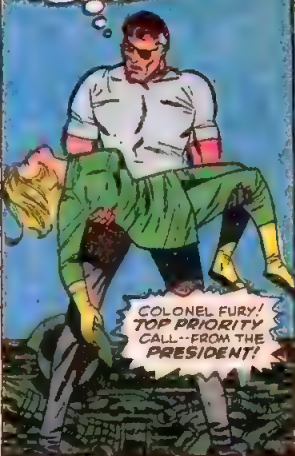
ONE MORE
THING, SIR! THEY FOUND
MISS BROWN'S BODY
AMID THE WRECKAGE
IN THE AUTOFAC
CHAMBER!

HER BODY?
DOES THAT
MEAN...?!!



SECONDS LATER... IT'S HER... AN' SHE'S STILL ALIVE! GOT TO GET HER TO A HOSPITAL FOR EMERGENCY TREATMENT--AND FAST!

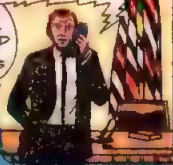
SHE MUST'A BEEN HIDIN' IN AUTOFAC'S COMPUTER VAULTS... NO WONDER WE DIDN'T FIND HER, BUT WHAT'S SHE DOIN' IN THE HYDRA OUTFIT? IT JUST DON'T ADD UP!



COLONEL FURY!
TOP PRIORITY
CALL--FROM THE
PRESIDENT!

FURY... SHIELD COMMUNICATIONS JUST GAVE ME ITS REPORT! FORTUNATELY, VERY FEW WERE HURT! NEVERTHELESS, YOU WERE IN CHARGE AND UNTIL AN GET A FULL EXPLANATION, YOU ARE CONFINED TO QUARTERS!

BUT, MR. PRESIDENT, WE'VE LOCATED THE GIRL, AND SHE NEEDS MEDICAL ATTENTION AT ONCE! I WAS PLANNIN' TO TAKE HER...



AH'M SORRY, COLONEL! IT'S ALREADY BEEN ATTENDED TO! SINCE SITWELL, JONES, AND DUGAN ARE UNFIT FOR THE MOMENT...

ORDERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO HAVE AGENT BRONSON ESCORT THE GIRL IN YOUR SALLER SHIP!

BUT, SIR... I WANTED TO--

THAT'S ALL, FURY! WASHINGTON OUT!



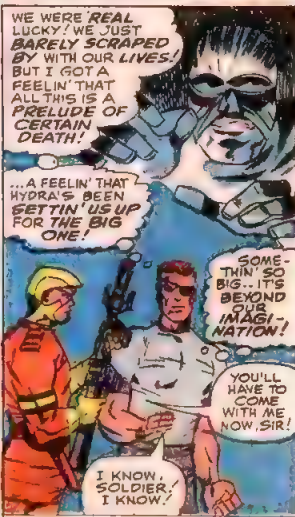
WE WERE REAL LUCKY! WE JUST BARELY SCRAPPED BY WITH OUR LIVES! BUT I GOT A FEELIN' THAT ALL THIS IS A PRELUDE OF CERTAIN DEATH!

...A FEELIN' THAT HYDRA'S BEEN GETTIN' US UP FOR THE BIG ONE!

SOME-THIN' SO BIG... IT'S BEYOND OUR IMAGINATION!

YOU'LL HAVE TO COME WITH ME NOW, SIR!

I KNOW, SOLDIER! I KNOW!



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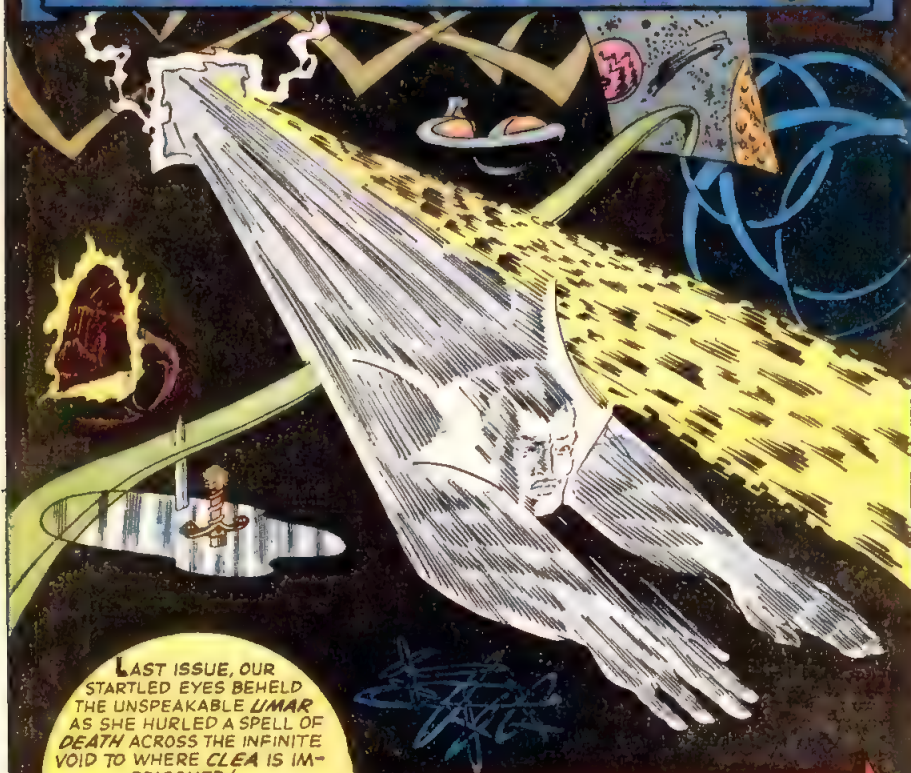
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(Signed) JOHN F. HAYS
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LAST ISSUE, OUR STARTLED EYES BEHELD THE UNSPEAKABLE **UMAR** AS SHE HURLED A SPELL OF DEATH ACROSS THE INFINITE VOID TO WHERE **CLEA** IS IMPRISONED!

BUT, EVEN AS THE DEADLY BLAST HURTLES TOWARDS ITS HELPLESS VICTIM, A DESPERATE **DR. STRANGE** ALSO MOVES WITH THE SPEED OF THOUGHT--

WE URGE YOU TO READ THIS AWESOME ANNOUNCEMENT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, O TRUE BELIEVER--

A MYSTICAL MARVEL MASTERWORK, BY:
STAN LEE and **MARIE SEVERIN**
LETTERED BY: **ARTIE SIMEK**

--BECAUSE A WEALTH OF ENTHRALLING ENCHANTMENT AWAITS THEE, AND NOT A WONDROUS WORD IS TO BE MISSED...



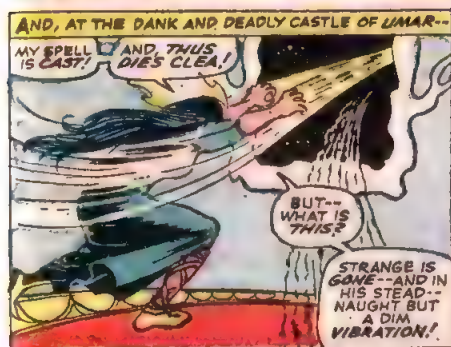
BY THE WAPORS OF VALTORR
WHEREIN THE NAMELESS DWELL--

BY THE ROVING
RINGS OF RAGGADARR,
LET MY SPEED
EXCEED HER SPELL!



SHE IS NOW WITHIN
MY SIGHT!

SO SWIFTLY
DO I MOVE
THAT SHE IS
SUSPENDED
IN TIME!



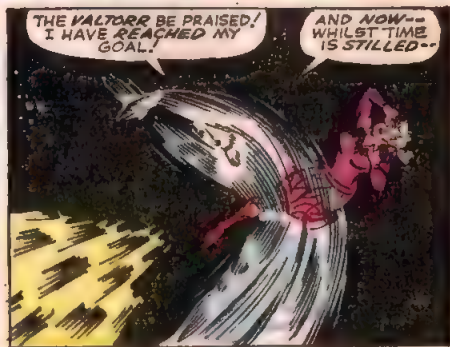
AND, AT THE DANK AND DEADLY CASTLE OF UMAR--

MY SPELL
IS CAST!

AND, THUS
DIES CLEA!

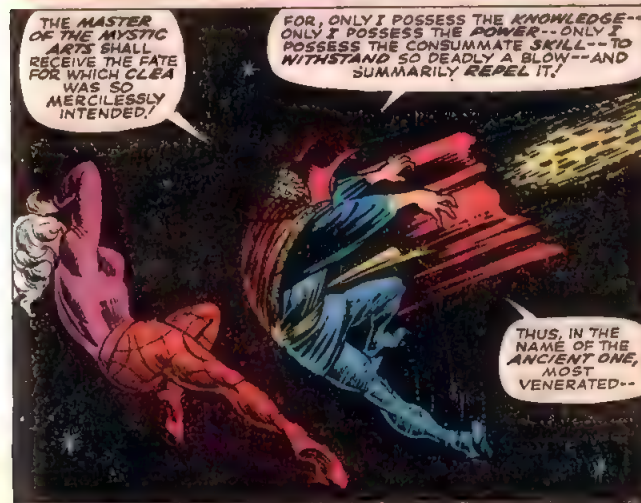
BUT--
WHAT IS
THIS?

STRANGE IS
GONE--AND IN
HIS STEAD--
NAUGHT BUT
A DIM
VIBRATION!



THE VALTORR BE PRAISED!
I HAVE REACHED MY
GOAL!

AND NOW--
WHILST TIME
IS STILLED--



THE MASTER
OF THE MYSTIC
ARTS SHALL
RECEIVE THE FATE
FOR WHICH CLEA
WAS SO
MERCILESSLY
INTENDED!

FOR, ONLY I POSSESS THE KNOWLEDGE--
ONLY I POSSESS THE POWER-- ONLY I
POSSESS THE CONSUMMATE SKILL-- TO
WITHSTAND SO DEADLY A BLOW--AND
SUMMARILY REPEL IT!

THUS, IN THE
NAME OF THE
ANCIENT ONE,
MOST
VENERATED--



LET THAT WHICH IS, BE NOT!
LET THAT WHICH WAS,
LIVE ON!
LET CLEA BE FORGOTT!
REVERSE THY COURSE!
BE GONE!

THUS, WITHIN THE SPACE OF THE SAME HEARTBEAT--

MY SPELL
RETURNS--TO
MENACE ME!

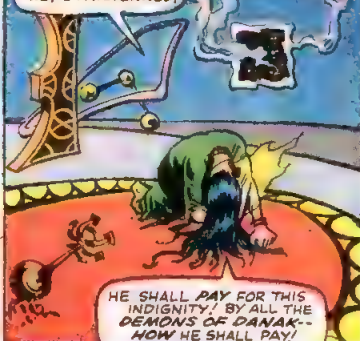
BY THE DEMONS OF DARKNESS--
IN THE NAME OF SATANNISH--
BY THE FLAMES OF THE FALTIME--
LET ITS DEADLY STING VANISH!



I WAS ABLE TO SAVE
MYSELF FROM THE
DOOM WHICH MIGHT
HAVE BEEN MINE--

BUT, THE FORCE
OF IMPACT HAS
WEAKENED
ME, I AM STUNNED!

NEVER BEFORE
HAS UMAR BEEN
THUS FOILED!
'TIS THE DOING
OF THE ACCURSED
DR. STRANGE!



HE SHALL PAY FOR THIS
INDIGNITY, BY ALL THE
DEMONS OF DANAK--
HOW HE SHALL PAY!

AND, AT THE EDGE OF THE DREAD DIMENSION--IN A PLACE WHICH IS LESS THAN PLACE--A TIME WHICH IS MORE THAN TIME--

I HAVE FOUND YOU, AT
LAST, BUT, THERE IS NO
TIME FOR REJOICING--

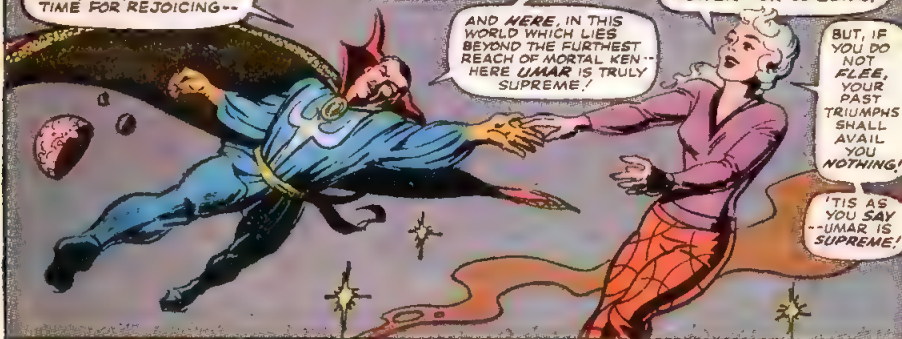
THE SISTER OF DORMAMMU
WILL SOON BE UPON US--

NEVER HAS MORTAL BEING
SURVIVED SUCH DEADLY
POWER FOR SO LONG!

AND HERE, IN THIS
WORLD WHICH LIES
BEYOND THE FURTHEST
REACH OF MORTAL KEN--
HERE UMAR IS TRULY
SUPREME!

BUT, IF
YOU DO
NOT
FLEE,
YOUR
PAST
TRIUMPHS
SHALL
AVAIL
YOU
NOTHING!

'TIS AS
YOU SAY
--UMAR IS
SUPREME!



THERE IS WISDOM TO YOUR WORDS! ONLY IN FLIGHT
MAY SURVIVAL BE FOUND!

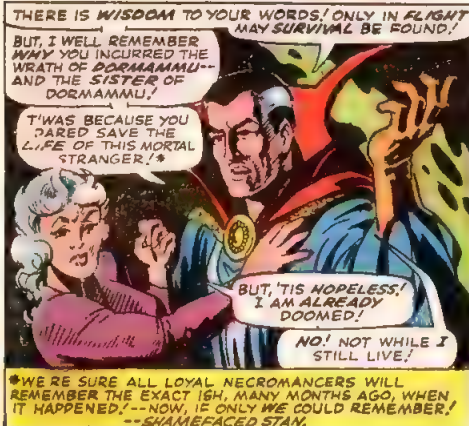
BUT, I WILL REMEMBER
WAY YOU INCURRED THE
WRATH OF DORMAMMU--
AND THE SISTER OF
DORMAMMU!

'T WAS BECAUSE YOU
DARED SAVE THE
LIFE OF THIS MORTAL
STRANGER!

BUT, 'TIS NOPELESS!
I AM ALREADY
DOOMED!

NO! NOT WHILE I
STILL LIVE!

*WE'RE SURE ALL LOYAL NECROMANCERS WILL
REMEMBER THE EXACT ISH, MANY MONTHS AGO, WHEN
IT HAPPENED, --NOW, IF ONLY WE COULD REMEMBER!
--SHAMEFACED STAN.



I MUST BRING YOU TO EARTH--WHERE UMAR
SHALL NEVER FIND YOU AGAIN!

BUT, I DO NOT POSSESS YOUR POWER!
WITH ME, YOU WILL BE FORCED TO CROSS
THE FORBIDDEN DIMENSIONS--THRU
WHICH
NONE
MAY
SURVIVE!

IF THE RISK IS
GREAT--THE GOAL
IS GREATER! WE
ESCAPE TOGETHER
--OR SO WE PERISH!





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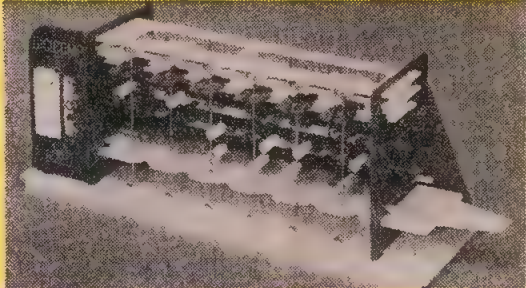
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I SHALL CLASP YOUR HAND IN MINE!

SO LONG AS THE SLIGHTEST PHYSICAL CONTACT EXISTS BETWEEN US--MY STRENGTH--MY OCCULT POWER--SHALL BE YOUR SHIELD!

BUT, SPEED IS OF THE ESSENCE, WHATEVER BEFALLS--DO NOT LOOK BACK!

BY THE SECRETS OF THE SERAPHIM, WE SHALL TRAVEL FASTER THAN ANY LIVING BEING HAS TRAVELLED BEFORE!

IF OUR SPEED IS GREAT ENOUGH, WE MAY ELUDE THE DANGERS THAT AWAIT!

BUT, SUDDENLY-- THE ONE THING I DID NOT PREPARE FOR--!

WE'VE CREATED A DREADED, INTER-DIMENSIONAL ROAD OF REPETITION!

IT MUST SOMEHOW BE SHATTERED... WE'LL CONTINUALLY REPEAT OUR ACTION-- THRUOUT ETERNITY!

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO STOP--OR TO TURN BACK--!

BUT, IF WE COLLIDE WITH OUR APPROACHING OTHER SELVES-- THEN ALL IS LOST!

I DARE NOT USE MY CLOAK OF LEVITATION-- FOR, ONCE OFF THE ROAD-- WE MAY DRIFT IN LIMBO FOREVER!

THEREFORE-- LET THE AWESOME GLEAM OF MY ENCHANTED AMULET SEVER THE DEADLY BAND BEFORE US--!

ZZZZZ!

IT IS DONE!

BUT, WHAT NEW MYSTIC MENACE NOW CONFRONTS US?



COURAGE, FAIR CLEA!
WE HAVE ENTERED THE
REALM OF NON-
EXISTENCE!

WE MUST WAIT FOR
THE OTHER SEMBLANCES
OF OUR OWN TRUE
SELVES!

BY THE
MYSTIC
MOONS OF
MUNNOPOR--
IT SHALL
COME TO
PASS!



ONCE AGAIN THE
ETERNAL VISHANT!
HAVE SMILED UPON
US--PRAISE TO
THEIR NAME!

ONCE AGAIN THE
ETERNAL VISHANT!
HAVE SMILED UPON
US--PRAISE TO
THEIR NAME!

NOW! LET
THE TWAIN
BE ONE!



I HAVE SEEN
THAT WHICH
FILLS MY
HEART WITH
FEAR--!

AND STILL I KNOW THE DEADLIEST IS
YET TO COME--FOR UMAR SHALL
SURELY STRIKE BACK!

WOULD THAT I
POSSESSED A SPELL
--ONE WHICH COULD
BANISH ALL TRACE
OF FEAR!

BUT EMOTION,
ALAS, IS FAR
BEYOND THE
PALE OF
SORCERY!



OUR ONLY
HOPE LIES
NOW--AS EVER
--IN SUSTAINED
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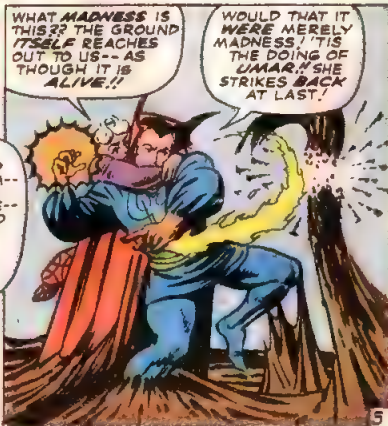
FOR THE
UNSPEAKABLE
UMAR SHALL
NEVER ABANDON
HER SEARCH
FOR US!



AND, AS THOUGH TO LEND CREDENCE TO THE FUGITIVE'S
WORDS--

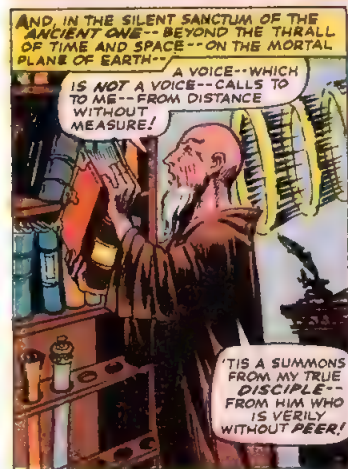
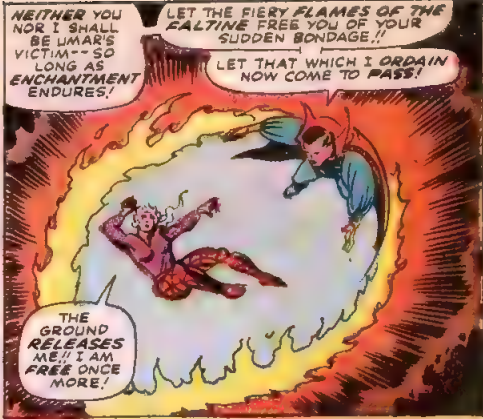
LET IT NOW BE
KNOWN--THERE IS NO
ESCAPE FROM UMAR!

LET THE
VERY LAND
BELOW THEM--
WHEREVER
THEY MAY BE--
RISE UP AND
SMITE THE
ACCURSED
PAIR WHO
DARE DEFEY
ME!

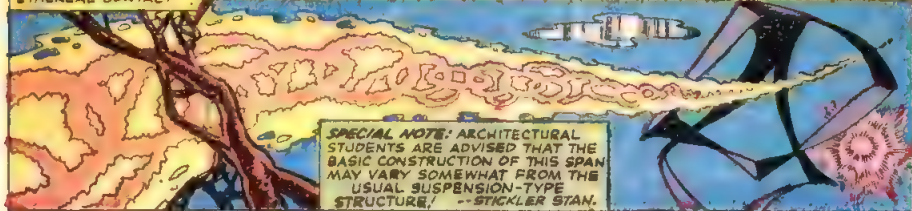


WHAT MADNESS IS
THIS? THE GROUND
ITSELF REACHES
OUT TO US-- AS
THOUGH IT IS
ALIVE!!

WOULD THAT IT
WERE MERELY
MADNESS! 'TIS
THE DOING OF
UMAR! SHE
STRIKES BACK
AT LAST!



THEN--FROM ACROSS THE ENDLESS CHASM WHICH LINKS THE DISTANT WORLDS--A BRIDGE TAKES SHAPE--A BRIDGE COMPOSED OF ELEMENTAL THOUGHT--ENDURING ONLY SO LONG AS BOTH MINDS CAN MAINTAIN ETHEREAL CONTACT--!



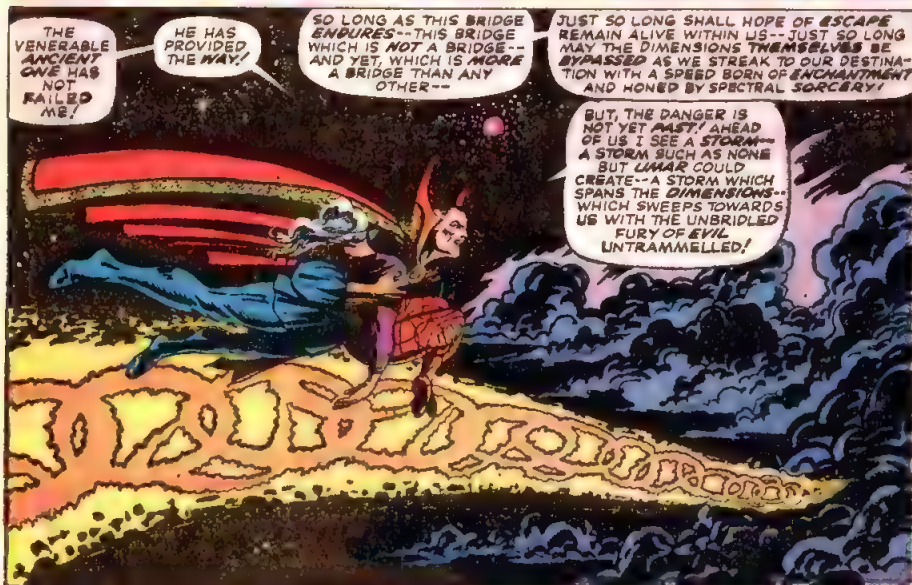
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THE VENERABLE ANCIENT ONE HAS NOT FAILED ME!

HE HAS PROVIDED THE WAY!

SO LONG AS THIS BRIDGE ENDURES--THIS BRIDGE WHICH IS NOT A BRIDGE--AND YET, WHICH IS MORE A BRIDGE THAN ANY OTHER--

JUST SO LONG SHALL HOPE OF ESCAPE REMAIN ALIVE WITHIN US--JUST SO LONG MAY THE DIMENSIONS THEMSELVES BE EXPRESSED AS WE STEAK TO OUR DESTINATION WITH A SPEED BORN OF ENCHANTMENT AND HONED BY SPECTRAL SORCERY!



BUT, THE DANGER IS NOT YET PAST! AHEAD OF US I SEE A STORM--A STORM SUCH AS NONE BUT LILIAH COULD CREATE--A STORM WHICH SPANS THE DIMENSIONS--WHICH SWEEPS TOWARDS US WITH THE UNBRIDLED FURY OF EVIL UNTRAMMELED!

THOUGH I AM A UNIVERSE AWAY--I SENSE THE DANGER--I SENSE THE STORM--

MY POWER MUST BE EQUAL TO THE TASK--I MUST NOT FAIL HIM WHO IS MORE THAN SON TO ME!

BY ALL THE HOARY HOSTS OF HOGGOTH--I SHALL NOT FAIL! THOUGH I EXPEND MY FINAL ENERGY--MY VERY LIFE'S ESSENCE--WE SHALL PREVAIL!



AND, SO IT IS, AFTER A MOMENT--OR AN HOUR--OR DAYS WITHOUT END--FOR, TIME CAN HAVE NO MEANING WHEN ENCHANTMENT IS UNLEASHED--A FIGURE APPEARS IN THE ARCHWAY OF THE ANCIENT ONE'S CHAMBER--

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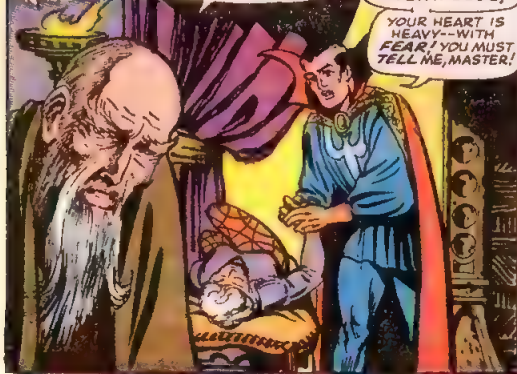
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THEN--WE HAVE
SUCCEEDED--
PRAISED BE THE
ETERNAL
VISHANTI!

FORGIVE ME, MY SON--
BUT I GROW WEAK, I
MUST PAUSE--TILL
THE STRENGTH RETURNS
TO MY AGED LIMBS--!

'TIS MORE THAN
WEAKNESS
TROUBLING YOU,
VENERATED ONE!
WELL DO I KNOW
YOUR MOODS!

YOUR HEART IS
HEAVY--WITH
GRIEF! YOU MUST
TELL ME, MASTER!



YOU
SPEAK
THE
TRUTH,
LOYAL
ONE!

YOUR STRUGGLE IS NOT YET
ENDED--FOR UMAR STILL
MAY STRIKE!

SO GREAT IS HER POWER,
THAT IT WILL MAY REACH
THRU ALL THE DIMENSIONS--
INTO THIS VERY CHAMBER!

ONLY THE SPELL OF
VANISHMENT CAN
BRING TRUE SAFETY
TO THE GIRL!

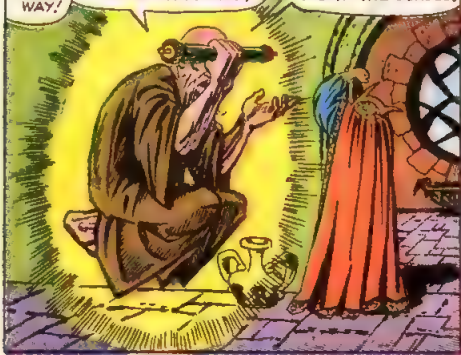
BUT--IS THAT
NOT THE MOST
DREADED SPELL
OF ALL??



AY--
BUT
THERE
IS NO
OTHER
WAY!

YOU MUST LEAVE
ME NOW! 'TIS BEST
THAT YOU DO NOT
OBSERVE THAT WHICH
MUST TRANSPIRE!

I MUST LEVITATE
TO THE POSITION OF
NIRVANA--AND
THEN--UNROLL AND
READ THE SCROLL!

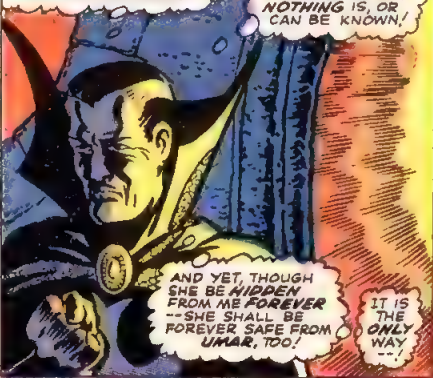


NEVER HAVE ANY RETURNED
FROM THE UNKNOWN SPELL
OF VANISHMENT!

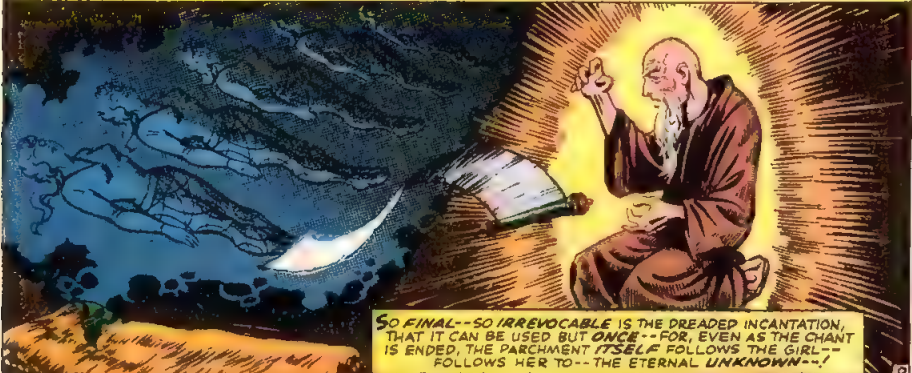
WE NOW SEND THE
HELPLESS CLEA TO
A FATE OF WHICH
NOTHING IS, OR
CAN BE KNOWN!

AND YET, THOUGH
SHE BE HIDDEN
FROM ME FOREVER--
SHE SHALL BE
FOREVER SAFE FROM
UMAR, TOO!

IT IS
THE
ONLY
WAY



SOFTLY, WITH QUIVERING LIPS AND TREMBLING VOICE, THE VENERABLE ANCIENT ONE INTONES THE FATEFUL
SPELL OF VANISHMENT--A SPELL WE OURSELVES DARE NOT REVEAL UPON THIS PAGE--

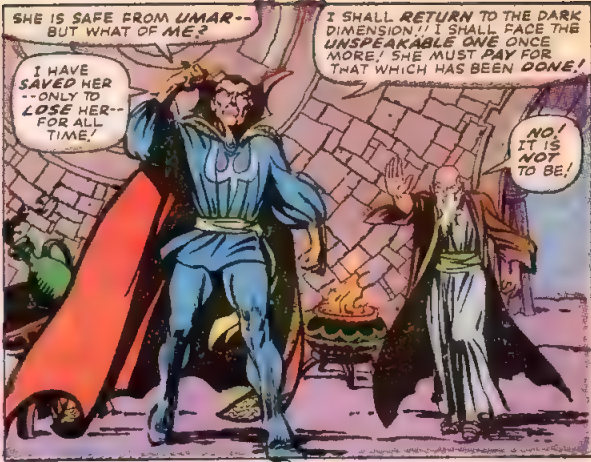


SO FINAL--SO IRREVOCABLE IS THE DREADED INCANTATION,
THAT IT CAN BE USED BUT ONCE--FOR, EVEN AS THE CHANT
IS ENDED, THE PARCHMENT ITSELF FOLLOWS THE GIRL--
FOLLOWS HER TO-- THE ETERNAL UNKNOWN--!



IT IS ENDED,
MY SON! THE
GIRL IS SAFE--
FOREVER!

SAFE--

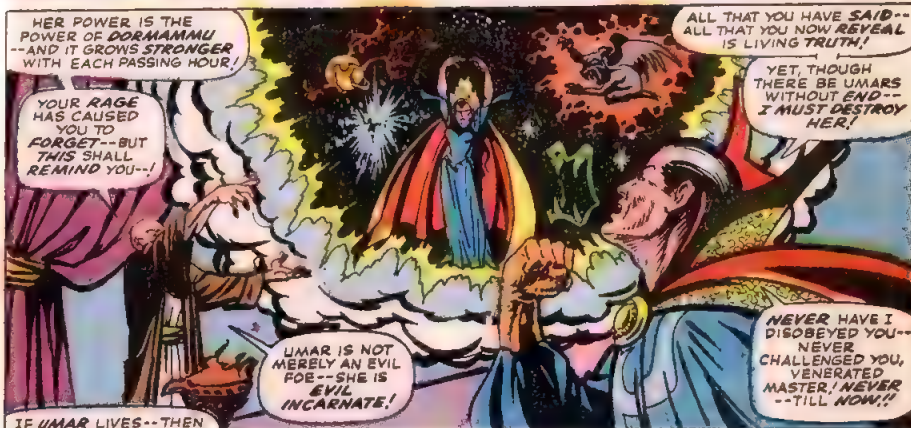


I HAVE
SAVED HER
--ONLY TO
LOSE HER--
FOR ALL
TIME!

SHE IS SAFE FROM UMAR--
BUT WHAT OF ME?

I SHALL RETURN TO THE DARK
DIMENSION!! I SHALL FACE THE
UNSPEAKABLE ONE ONCE
MORE! SHE MUST PAY FOR
THAT WHICH HAS BEEN DONE!

NO!
IT IS
NOT
TO BE!



HER POWER IS THE
POWER OF DORMAMMU
--AND IT GROWS STRONGER
WITH EACH PASSING HOUR!

YOUR RAGE
HAS CAUSED
YOU TO
FORGET--BUT
THIS SHALL
REMINDE YOU--!

ALL THAT YOU HAVE SAID--
ALL THAT YOU NOW REVEAL
IS LIVING TRUTH!

YET, THOUGH
THERE BE UMARS
WITHOUT END--
I MUST DESTROY
HER!

UMAR IS NOT
MERELY AN EVIL
FOE--SHE IS
EVIL
INCARNATE!

NEVER HAVE I
DISOBEYED YOU--
NEVER
CHALLENGED YOU,
VENERATED
MASTER! NEVER
--TILL NOW!!

IF UMAR LIVES--THEN
JUSTICE IS BUT HOLLOW
MOCKERY-- THEN MY
SORCERER'S OATH--MY
YEARS OF STUDY--OF
TRAINING--HAVE BEEN
IN VAIN!

IF UMAR LIVES
--THEN FAITH
MUST PERISH!

NEVER HAVE I
BEEN MORE
PROUD OF YOU,
MY SON, THAN
AT THIS VERY
MOMENT!

YET, NEVER
HAVE I BEEN
MORE
SORROWFUL--!



--FOR, I MUST STRIKE AT
YOU--AS THOUGH YOU BE
AN ENEMY--WITH ALL THE
POWER I COMMAND!

MASTER!! WHAT
BASE PERFDY
IS HERE
UNLEASHED--?

YOU KNOW I CANNOT LIFT
A HAND AGAINST YOU! A
THOUSAND DEATHS
WOULD I GLADLY ENDURE,
RATHER THAN ATTACK
MY MENTOR!

BUT, YOU SEEK TO RENDER
ME HELPLESS--TO STRIP
ME OF MY POWER!!

NAY, MY SON! I ONLY
STRIVE TO SAVE YOU
FROM YOURSELF--AND
FROM THE MERCILESS
UMAR--EVEN AS CLEA
HAS BEEN SAVED!

YOU CANNOT SUBJECT ME TO THE
SPELL OF VANISHMENT--FOR
THE MYSTIC SCROLL IS YOURS
NO MORE!

I SEND YOU NOT TO
THE NAMELESS NOWHERE
WHICH HAS SINCE CLAIMED
CLEA!

BUT, AS THE OMNIPOTENT OSYRIS
MY JUDGMENT MAY NOT REMAIN
WITHIN THIS SPHERE!

CAN THE
MADNESS BE
UPON HIM? HAS
THE WEIGHT OF
YEARS NOW
STRIPPED HIM
OF ALL
REASON?

BUT, WHY? NEVER
HAVE YOU ACTED
WITHOUT GOOD
REASON! WHAT
REASON HAVE
YOU NOW?

THERE IS
BARELY TIME
TO SPEAK OF
IT--AND
YET--

--IT IS ONLY
SITTING
THAT YOU
KNOW!

IF YOU REMAIN WITHIN
THIS CHAMBER--INDEED,
WITHIN THIS VERY
UNIVERSE--YOU WOULD
SURELY PERISH!!

FOR, ONLY
NOW, CAN I
SAFELY
TELL YOU--

**UMAR
WALKS THE
EARTH!**

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STRANGE MAILS

Dear Stan,

In response to a plea for information concerning "Gabriel Jones' brilliant defeat of the Secret Empire", I can now furnish the answer. On page 7 of the Hulk story in ASTONISH #83, we see Agent #9 of the Secret Empire throwing a stun grenade and wiping out the leaders of the Secret Empire. While on page 7, panels 1 through 7 of STRANGE TALES #149, we see two A.I.M. agents picked up by #9 of the Secret Empire. #9 turns out to be none other than Gabriel Jones. So, by using the fact that #9 is Gabe, I hope the fan who asked the question can enjoy the story. In two years I plan to go to the University of Mass., and along with books by Steinbeck, Michener, Hemingway, and others, I will bring along some Marvel Comics. Thank you for making comics what they are today.

George Poulton, 595 Chandler St.
Tewksbury, Mass. 01876

If you like what they are today, Georgie, wait'll you see what we make of 'em tomorrow! Anyway, we're grateful to you for clearing up "L'affaire Jones" for us, and your freshly minted no-prize will be on its way to you shortly. A number of other True Believers also sent us the right scoop about Gabe's caper, and although we received your answer first, we just wanna toss a few more no-prizes at: Allan Peron, Toronto, Ont.; Scott Larson, Shafter, Cal.; Michael Franzese, Bronx, N. Y.; Philip Everhart, Lexington, Ky.; Tim Lozier, Montebello, Cal. Heroes all! (Who says this isn't the Marvel Age of Riotous Recognition!)

Dear Stan,

STRANGE TALES #152 was one of the best Shield sagas yet. I loved the picture on page 1, and the ones on pages 9, 10, and 11 had great action scenes. I'm dying to know what Supreme Hydra's secret identity is. Dr. Strange was great, but I like him better when he fights male villains. If he should ever get his own mag, I suggest you put the Silver Surfer in his place in the magazine. Speaking of the Surfer, have him regain only his powers to control his surfboard, his strength, and his cosmic blasts, so if he fights some super-hero, it won't be a pushover for him. This was a marvel-ous month of "super-hero-saving-damsel-in-distress". Thor saved Jane from the future Man-Beast, Cap saved the female agent of Shield from Hydra, and Fury saved the ex-Supreme Hydra's daughter from Hydrie again. Verily, I have spoken.

Robert Halprin, 486 E. 25th St.
Paterson, N. J. 07514

Rapily, we have listened! Your comments, so crisply and cogently expressed, have been duly entered in our Book of the Vishanti, thereby virtually immortalizing you for all time. (An invoice will follow.)

Dear Stan,

Okay, you guys — Dr. Strange was great in issue #152, but I got a question. On the very first page, the ol' doctor is saying that the power behind this month's evil enchantment is coming from the "nameless" dimension of doom. Well, that sounds like a name right there, and to make matters worse, in the next two panels he further names it

the Nether Dimension, the Dark Dimension, and the Sinister Shadow-World. Now you guys are okay, basically, but let's watch what we call "nameless"! What is the real name out of all these? Nameless — ha!

Mead Miller (Tulane Univ.), Box 1111
31 McAlister Dr., New Orleans, La.

No! No! No, Mead! "What" isn't the real name! "Who" is the real name! What's on first! (If you don't remember that old Abbott and Costello routine, ask some nearby octogenarian — like Stan!) Anyway, when we call something "nameless", that doesn't mean it hasn't a name! Perish forbid! It means we don't know the name! A subtle distinction, mayhap, but here in Marveldom, where we learned our logic from Alice in Wonderland, waddaya expect? As for the real name, we'll make you a deal, dad — you pick the one you prefer — let us know — and that'll be it! So sayeth the champion buck-passers of the nameless Bullpen!

Dear Stan,

Dr. Strange must have the ultimate power of the mortal mind. He reaches bare reality through the use of dimensions and faces necessary danger. In the dimension of death, he is surrounded by real symbols. What could be more realistic? This is why he is my favorite. He doesn't fool around with purely physical contact as a source of power. His beautiful power stems from the all-powerful and all-important mind which is his weapon. May he think forever! But after reading the many adventures of this master, I have always found my mind messed because you will never print a full adventure of this fantastic person. Why do you print a full adventure of Spidey or Thor, and not one of Dr. Strange? I guarantee that it would save many minds.

Charles Anderson, 1410 N. Oakes
Tacoma 6, Wash.

Ah, but save 'em for what, Charlie? Actually, we always thought we did print full adventures of our swingin' sorcerer! They may be continued, but as Brand Eckh would say, "They sure are full of it!" — Forgive us, O Keeper of the Flame — it's been a real tough day!

NEXT ISH: The Supreme Hydra unmasked! Nick Fury captured! And, the craziest, cavortin'est kangaroo court this side of Perry Mason — as the head of Shield faces a terrifying tribunal consisting of the hooded hordes of Hydra Island! As for our capricious conjurer, ol' Doc battles a menace different from any he's ever faced before! (And he's faced some beauts!) You'll see the final, fateful, fretful, fearful finish of Umar — and the introduction of a new story line, so mystic and mixed-up that we hope you'll read it very carefully — so that you can explain it to us later all! In all, STRANGE TALES #156 is just far-out enough to be one of the best mag's of the season, but it won't mean a thing unless you show up to enjoy it with us! 'Nuff said, Hoggath-lover!

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